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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **March 30, 2006 / 3 PM**  
Date/Time of Occurrence: **March 30, 2006 / Approximately 9 AM**  
Nature: **Skier Dies After Collision With Tree**  
Location of Call: **Northstar Ski Resort**  
Released by: **Sgt. Dan Ingalls (530) 581-6306**

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A woman from Rochester, New York, died after apparently colliding with a tree while skiing at the Northstar ski resort this morning.

Elizabeth R. Knapp, 42, was skiing with members of her family when the accident occurred. Efforts to revive Knapp by Northstar Ski Patrol personnel were unsuccessful and she was pronounced dead at the scene. The Coroner's Unit of Placer County Sheriff's Department is conducting an investigation.

While accidents can still occur, skiers and snowboarders are urged to ski within their ability and to wear a helmet. They should also adhere to the Responsibility Code:

- Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
- People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
- You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
- Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

Additional information on skiing and snowboarding safety can be obtained at the National Ski Area Association's website at [www.nsaa.org](http://www.nsaa.org) under the Safety and Education tab.

For further information, contact Sgt. Dan Ingalls at the Placer County Sheriff's Department, North Tahoe Substation, 530-581-6306. Cell 530-392-0044

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